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## **WEST VIRGINIA 2019 ANNUAL CROP PRODUCTION, GRAIN AND HAY STOCKS**

**Charleston, West Virginia – All hay** area harvested in 2019 totaled 515,000 acres, down 20,000 acres from 2018. The average yield in 2019 was 1.74 tons per acre, up 0.02 ton per acre from 2018. Production totaled 894,000 tons, down 28,000 tons from 2018. **December On Farm Hay Stocks** were 660,000 tons, down 110,000 tons from the total of 770,000 tons in 2018.

**Alfalfa hay** area harvested totaled 15,000 acres in 2019, unchanged from 2018. Yields in 2019 averaged 2.90 tons per acre, up 0.4 ton per acre from 2018. Production totaled 44,000 tons, up 6,000 tons from 2018. New seedings of alfalfa in 2019 are estimated at 1,000 acres, down 2,000 acres from 2018.

**All other hay** area harvested totaled 500,000 acres in 2019, down 20,000 acres from 2018. Yields averaged 1.70 tons per acre, unchanged from 2018. Production totaled 850,000 tons, down 34,000 tons from 2018.

**Corn area planted** for all purposes in 2019 totaled 52,000 acres, up 6,000 acres from 2018. Harvested area **for grain** totaled 38,000 acres, up 5,000 acres from 2018. The average yield of 165.0 bushels per acre was up 13.0 bushels per acre from 2018. Production was 6,270,000 bushels, up 1,254 thousand bushels from 2018.

**Corn for silage** area harvested was 12,000 acres in 2019, up 1,000 acres from 2018. Yields averaged 20.0 tons per acre, up 1.0 ton per acre from 2018. Silage production was estimated at 240,000 tons, up 31,000 tons from 2018.

**Maple syrup number of taps** in 2019 was 80,000, up 14,000 taps from 2018. Yield per tap was 0.175 gallons, up from 0.121 gallons per tap in 2018. Production totaled 14,000 gallons in 2019, up 6,000 gallons from 2018.

The total area planted to **principal crops** in West Virginia totaled 567,000 acres in 2019, down 50,000 acres from 2018. Area harvested totaled 565,000 acres, down 44,000 acres from 2018. Principal crops include acres planted to corn, soybeans, wheat, and acres harvested for all hay.

*Note:* Winter wheat, soybean and maple syrup estimates were discontinued for West Virginia in 2019 by the National Agricultural Statistics Service. Maple syrup estimates for 2019 were released by the West Virginia Department of Agriculture in cooperation with NASS.

## UNITED STATES WITH PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISONS

- All wheat production - 1.92 billion bushels, up 2%.
- Winter Wheat production - 1.30 billion bushels, up 10%.
- 2020 Winter wheat seedings - 30.8 million acres, down 1% from 2019.
- 2019 Alfalfa seedings - 2.47 million acres, up 11% from 2018.
- Alfalfa hay production - 54.9 million tons, up 4%.
- All other hay production - 74.0 million tons, up 4%.
- All hay production - 128.9 million tons, up 4%.
- Corn planted for all purposes area - 89.7 million acres, up 1%.
- Corn for grain area harvested - 81.5 million acres, up less than 1%.
- Corn for grain production - 13.7 billion bushels, down 5%.
- Corn for grain yield - 168.0 bushels per acre, down 8.4 bushels per acre.
- Corn for silage harvested area - 6.59 million acres, up 8%.
- Corn for silage production - 133.0 million tons, up 9%.
- Corn for silage yield - 20.2 tons per acre, up 0.3 ton per acre.
- Soybean production - 3.56 billion bushels, down 20%.
- Soybean yield - 47.4 bushels per acre, down 3.2 bushels per acre.
- All tobacco production - 468.0 million pounds, down 12%.
- Oats production - 53.1 million bushels, down 1%.
- Maple syrup production - 4.24 million gallons, up 1%.
- Area planted to principal crops - 302.6 million acres, down 5%.
- Area harvested for principal crops - 284.9 million acres, down 5%.

## U.S. STOCKS TOTALS AS OF DECEMBER 1, 2019

- Hay stocks on-farms - 84.5 million tons, up 7%.
- Corn stocks on-farms - 7.18 billion bushels, down 4%.
- Corn stocks off-farms - 4.21 billion bushels, down 6%.
- All wheat stocks on-farms - 519.0 million bushels, up 3%.
- All wheat stocks off-farms - 1.31 billion bushels, down 13%.
- Soybean stocks on-farms - 1.53 billion bushels, down 21%.
- Soybean stocks off-farms - 1.73 billion bushels, down 5%.
- Oats stocks on-farms - 24.8 million bushels, down 3%.
- Oats stocks off-farms - 29.2 million bushels, down 30%.